

SENATE BILL NO. 622

BY SENATOR AMEDEE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 36:202(A) and 203, relative to the Department of Culture,
3 Recreation and Tourism; authorizes the lieutenant governor to perform the duties,
4 functions and responsibilities of the secretary of culture, recreation and tourism; and
5 to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 36:202(A) and 203 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
8 follows:

9 §202. Officers of the department; compensation for one office only

10 A. The officers of the department shall be the secretary, **if a secretary is**
11 **appointed**, the undersecretary, the deputy secretary, if a deputy secretary is
12 appointed, and assistant secretaries, each of whom shall be selected and shall
13 perform functions as provided in this Title.

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15 §203. Secretary of culture, recreation and tourism

16 **A.** There ~~shall~~ **may** be a secretary of culture, recreation and tourism, who
17 shall be appointed by the lieutenant governor with consent of the Senate and who
18 shall serve at the pleasure of the lieutenant governor at a salary fixed by the
19 lieutenant governor, which salary shall not exceed the amount approved for such
20 position by the legislature while in session. The secretary shall serve as the
21 executive head and chief administrative officer of the Department of Culture,
22 Recreation and Tourism and shall have the responsibility for the policies of the
23 department, except as otherwise provided by this Title, and for the administration,
24 control, and operation of the functions, programs, and affairs of the department,
25 provided that the secretary shall perform his functions under the general control and
26 supervision of the lieutenant governor. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed
27 to alter the present civil service classification of any employee, deputy, or officer of

1 the department or to place any such employee, deputy, or officer of the department
2 in the office of the lieutenant governor for purposes of civil service classification.

3 **B. If a secretary is not appointed as provided by Subsection A of this**
4 **Section, the lieutenant governor shall perform all duties, functions and**
5 **responsibilities of the secretary as are provided by law.**

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____